

The CURTAIN

*Mr. Flying Display : Spreading
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a massive Light Aeroplane : A
programme*

little bother in getting in and out of confined spaces. The faithful old Avros, of course, came and went with the greatest facility.

The Douglas-engined B.A.C. Drone was demonstrated very effectively by Mr. Idwal Jones. Its recent achievements, low price and main features were recalled by the announcer, Mr. Roy Arthur—a human soul plagued by the encroachments of hordes of small boys on to the aerodrome. Mr. Idwal Jones droned back and forth parallel with the enclosure with his arms above his head and waving his hands (see picture overleaf).

Then Mr. Seth Smith landed in the demonstration Monospar S.T.25, which the visitors, according to sex, agreed was a nice aeroplane or had a *chic* colour scheme. This, of course, was an unofficial turn.

The Monospar was to have joined in the next event—a formation flight—but was unable to de-bog itself in time. However, the Ferry, two 504's, a Tiger Moth and a Cadet carried on the good work. Each machine, after leaving the formation, dived noisily and, one regrets to record, alarmingly near the crowd; the big Ferry was no exception.

Meanwhile, the S.T.25 was extricated from the soggy Surrey soil and went gaily on its way, looping gracefully in farewell.

A Genetic note announced the approach from Hanworth of Mr. R. J. Ashley in the Display's black and orange



Administrators : From left to right, Capt. P. Phillips, D.F.C. (Managing Director), Capt. J. R. King (Chief Pilot), Mr. C. W. A. Scott (Chairman) and Mr. D. L. Eskell (General Manager). Behind is the little Hillson-Praga Baby which will be available for trial flying lessons. (Flight photograph.)

C.30 Autogiro. Mr. Ashley showed why an Autogiro is.

Mrs. Crossley ("the first woman to demonstrate aerobatics"—*vide* the programme, and "the only lady aerobatic pilot in the world" according to the announcer) took off in the red-and-white-diced Tiger Moth to give the visitors their next periodic dose of aerobatics. And a pleasant potion it was, with nice clean loops and rolls and a *pukka* professional polish. The machine had a fuel sys-

Spring in the Air : Capt. King in the act of giving everyone a close-up of the Airspeed Ferry. One of the smart vans attached to the display is in the foreground. (Flight photograph.)

